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### **GOVERNOR APPOINTS MAGISTRATE TO FIRST DISTRICT COURT**

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter announced the appointment today of **Kootenai County Magistrate Benjamin Simpson** to succeed District Judge Charles Hosack, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Simpson, 60, is a Colorado native and U.S. Navy veteran who earned his bachelor’s degree from California State University in Chico and his law degree from the Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash.

Simpson was an associate and then a partner in a Wallace-based law firm for 15 years before becoming a magistrate judge in January 2009. He now lives in Coeur d’Alene with his wife, Jonelle.

“Judge Simpson has big shoes to fill, but I’m confident that his experience, knowledge and talent will enable him to ably serve the people of Idaho’s First Judicial District,” Governor Otter said.

“I wish Judge Hosack a happy and fulfilling retirement, with thanks for his professionalism and commitment,” he said. “And I welcome Judge Simpson to this new opportunity for public service.”